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1. GVN-SPONSORED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST PRC OCCUPATION
OF PARACELS HELD THROUGHOUT SVN; MAO BURNED IN
EFFIGY AT QUI NHON RALLY OF 30,000 (UPI, NYT,
PHINQ). GVN HAS SO FAR AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISM
OF TAIWAN OVER DISPUTE, BUT SAIGON COUNCILMAN
PROPOSES ENDING SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIPEI,
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SAYING VN IS "NOT GOING TO LOSE THE ISLANDS BECAUSE
WE HAVE ACCEPTED TWO GARBAGE TRUCKS FROM TAIPEI"
(UPI, NYT).

2. THIEU FIRES VETS' AFFAIRS MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG, FORMER ARMY GENERAL AND AMBASSADOR TO ROK. OFFICIAL DECREE GIVES NO REASON BUT GVN OFFICIALS SAY DUE TO WIFE'S CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZED GAMBLING. INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER LEADING ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN ALLEGES MRS. DONG RAN GAMBLING HOUSE (REUTER, SAIGON).

3. FIRST PHASE OF POW EXCHANGE EXTENDED ONE DAY SO VC, GVN CAN MEET QUOTAS. BOTH SIDES MEET TODAY TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF SECOND PHASE TO START NEXT WEEK (REUTER, SAIGON). VC RELEASES FIVE OUT OF

SIX SCHEDULED IN QUANG NAM, CLAIM SIXTH ESCAPED. GVN RELEASES 122 CIVILIANS BUT SAYS THREE CHOOSE TO REMAIN ON SAIGON SIDE; VC CHARGES THREE ARE ACTORS INCLUDED TO EMBARRASS COMMUNISTS (UPI, NYT).

4. ARVN COMMAND SAYS VC START CLASHES ALONG ROUTE 4, DELTA RICE ROAD TO SAIGON, TO KEEP FOOD FROM CITY'S MARKETS; REPORTS 21 ARVN, 36 VC KIA (AP NYT, BALTO N-A 2/14; CSM). SAIGON COMMAND SAYS 200 REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO GVN MILITIA OUTPOSTS NEAR KONTUM CITY AFTER NVA-VC ATTACK TUESDAY (AP, NYT).

5. REBEL LEAFLETS WARN PP RESIDENTS THAT MORE ARTILLERY AND ROCKETS WOULD COME "FROM ALL DIRECTIONS", BUT NONE FIRED SINCE DEVASTATING ATTACK MONDAY (WP). FANK SPOKESMAN SAYS REBEL ARTILLERY HIT TOWN 8 MILES SOUTH OF PP BUT KILLED ONLY ONE; REPORTS SPORADIC CLASHES TEN MILES SE AND NW OF CAPITAL, ANNOUNCES KAF ACCIDENTALLY BOMBED FANK ON ROUTE 4 AND KILLED TEN */ 37534, PP).

6. CHIEF US EASTERN DISTRICT JUDGE WEIGHS GOVT. REQUEST TO DISMISS SUIT TESTING LEGALITY OF SHIPMENTS TO INDOCHINA FROM SUNNY POINT, N.C., MILITARY PORT. JUSTICE DEPT. ASSERTS 4 CONGRESSMEN AMONG 17 WHO BROUGHT SUIT CANNOT UNCLASSIFIED

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LEGALLY DO SO SINCE NOT WITHIN COURT'S JURISDICTION (UPI, NYT).

7. REPRESENTATIVES OF VIET VETS FOR JUST PEACE AND NAT'L STUDENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM IN VN AND SEA SEND LETTER TO NYT EDITOR DECRYING PRESIDENT'S FAILURE TO SEEK COMPLIANCE BY HANOI WITH COMMITMENTS ON MIAS. LETTER CHARGES ABANDONMENT OF MIA ISSUE BY PRES., CONGRESS AND NATION, PREDICTING THAT IT WILL BE "READY-MADE EXCUSE" IN EVENT OF ANOTHER WAR FOR THOSE WHO TURN TO EXILE IN CANADA INSTEAD OF RALLYING TO FLAG.

8. IN CSM, JOHNATHAN GRAY SAYS USSR UNUSUALLY SLOW TO TAKE SIDES IN PARACELS' DISPUTE. A FEW YEARS AGO SAIGON WOULD HAVE BEEN LABELED "AGGRESSOR", BUT NOW PRC MAY HAVE REPLACED SAIGON IN LAST PLACE ON KREMLIN'S LIST OF FRIENDLY NATIONS. SOVIET PRESS SILENT ON PARACELS FOR AWHILE, THEN PRAVDA OBLIQUELY ATTACKED PRC BY SELECTING REPORTS FROM FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS TO PAINT PICTURE OF CHINESE INTRANSIGENCE AND WORLD CONSTERNATION OVER PRC ACTION AND FUTURE TERRITORIAL INTENTIONS. PEKING DISPATCH WAS QUOTED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD

ENCROACHMENT ON CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY BE PERMITTED; PHIL MINDEF IS REPORTED CLOSELY FOLLOWING EVENTS; INDONESIA PAPER QUOTED THAT PARACELS' CLASH "CONVINCINGLY" SHOWS PRC FUTURE METHODS IN SEA; WASHINGTON REPORT SAID "CERTAIN UNEASINESS" AND "MASS OF QUESTIONS" REMAIN IN HIGH US CIRCLES AFTER PARACELS INCIDENT. GRAY POINTS OUT THAT PHILS ACTUALLY LESS CONCERNED ABOUT PRC AND PARACELS THAN ABOUT SVN AND SPRATLYS, AND INDONESIA HAS EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER US PLANS FOR DIEGO GARCIA.

CHINA

9. REUTER'S PEARCE, IN PEKING, CITES REPORTS BY DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT TRAVEL WITHIN CHINA FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS IS BEING RESTRICTED AS CURRENT CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS GATHERS MOMENTUM. DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO VISIT CITIES UNCLASSIFIED

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SUCH AS SHANGHAI AND HANGCHOW; HOWEVER, DIPLOMATS WITH SPECIFIC SHANGHAI BUSINESS ARE BEING PERMITTED TRAVEL THERE, AND NO SIGN PEKING IS RELUCTANT TO GRANT EXIT VISAS FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS WISHING LEAVE COUNTRY ON HOLIDAY.

10. PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTS CALL BY CHINESE WORKER, AT RECENT SHANGHAI MEETING, FOR NEW CULTURAL REVOLUTION WITH "FORCE OF AN EARTHQUAKE" TO "CRUSH THE CLASS ENEMY" WITHIN CHINA (AFP, WP).

11. IAAF SAID THURSDAY THAT PRC ATHLETES WILL BE BARRED FROM SEPTEMBER TEHRAN ASIAN GAMES TRACK A FIELD EVENTS; PEKING FREE TO COMPETE IN TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, ROWING, ICE HOCKEY AND ICE SKATING (NOT PART OF IAAF) (AP, WP).

KOREA

12. SK PROTESTS TO NK OVER "SERIOUS, DELIBERATE ARMED PROVOCATION" BY NK GUNBOAT THAT SANK SK FISHING BOAT AND WRECKED ANOTHER OFF WEST COAST FRIDAY.

ROKG CLAIMS NK CRAFT TOOK WRECKED BOAT TO NORTH
AFTER SINKING TRAWLER AND DEMANDS IMMEDIATE RETURN
OF SHIP AND CREW. FIRST SEA CLASH BETWEEN TWO SIDES
SINCE THEY PLEDGED DETENTE IN JULY 4, 1972 JOINT
DECLARATION (REUTER).

JAPAN

13. CSM NOTES OHIRA REVELATION THAT IN TALK WITH HAK

WEDNESDAY, AGREEMENT REACHED TO WORK OUT DATES FOR
NIXON VISIT TO JAPAN.

14. CSM'S POWD, IN TOKYO, SAYS SOVIET MAY BE REKINDLING
JAPANESE-USSR COOPERATION IN SIBERIAN RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT, NOTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S DELIVERY
OF BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO TANAKA THURSDAY CONCERNING SUCH
COOPERATION -- AND POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF PEACE TREATY
TALKS. WHILE WSJ REPORTS TOKYO SOURCES SAYING
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JAPANESE, SOVIET AND US REPS WILL MEET IN JAPAN IN
EARLY MARCH TO NEGOTIATE JOINT SIBERIAN NATURAL-GAS
DEVELOPMENT PLAN, POND POINTS TO JAPANESE FINANCIAL
PRESS INDICATIONS THAT THERE IS MUCH LESS CHANCE NOW
THAN EARLIER OF US PARTICIPATION, CITING LACK OF EX-IM
FUNDS FOR PROJECT.

15. POND REPORTS THAT HARD TIMES HAVE HIT JAPANESE
AUTO INDUSTRY -- "BUT NOT ENOUGH TO BRING ANY SMILES
TO DETROIT." FOR AUTO INDUSTRY, DROP IN SALES CAUSED
BY OIL CRISIS ONLY MEANS CUTTING OUT OVERTIME AND
SATURDAY WORK, POSTPONING NEW INVESTMENT, CUTTING AD
BUDGETS AND PROFIT MARGINS -- AND COMPENSATING FOR
PLUNGE IN JAPAN'S DOMESTIC DEMAND BY INCREASING EXPORTS
TO US BY 20 PERCENT. "THIS COULD LEAD TO FRICTION"
WITH US, AND FACT THAT JAPAN'S STRICTER ANTI-POLLUTION
LAW WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN 1975, RATHER THAN BEING
POSTPONED AS US LAW HAS, MAY BE INTERPRETED BY DETROIT
AS NONTARIFF BARRIER TO RECIPROCAL US AUTO EXPORTS
TO JAPAN (CSM).

16. SEIDEN (SUN), IN TOKYO, DESCRIBES KOREAN GHETTO
IN "TWENTIETH CENTURY JAPAN" -- "SCRAP OF FORGOTTEN
LAND, SANDWICHED BETWEEN" RR TRACKS AND CHEWING
GUM FACTORY, WHERE SEVERAL HUNDRED KOREAN FAMILIES
"LIVE IN ABJECT POVERTY. THEIR MAKESHIFT SHACKS LOOK
LIKE VESTIGES OF TOKYO'S WARTIME RUBBLE, OR HOUSES
SOMEHOW MAGICALLY TRANSPLANTED" FROM SEA SLUMS.
TINY, UNHEATED KOREAN HOMES ARE THROWN TOGETHER WITH
SCRAP METAL AND LEFTOVER LUMBER; STREETS ARE UNPAVED,
PILES OF JUNK AND GARBAGE LIE UNCOLLECTED IN STREETS.

MANY RESIDENTS SPEAK ONLY JAPANESE, MOST SAY THEY STILL ARE TREATED LIKE FOREIGNERS, NO MATTER HOW LONG THEIR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN IN JAPAN. THEY ARE JAPAN'S PERMANENT, FORGOTTEN MINORITY, EXCLUDED SYSTEMATICALLY FROM PARTICIPATING IN MAINSTREAM OF JAPANESE LIFE BY VIRTUALLY BLANKET DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND HOUSING AND DENIED SHARE OF COUNTRY'S

POST-WAR PROSPERITY.

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PHILIPPINES

17. MOSLEM REBELS ATTACK JOLO CITY IN MORTAR BARRAGE, HITTING HOSPITAL HOUSING REFUGEES AND KILLING AT LEAST 32 (UPI PHINQ, BALTIMORE N-A FEB. 14).

18. PRINCETON U OFFICIALS REQUEST US SECURITY AGENTS' ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTING MARCOS DAUGHTER, FRESHMAN STUDENT THERE, BECAUSE OF REMARK IN TAPE-RECORDED MESSAGE BY KIDNAPPED PATRICIA HEARST LIKENING HER ABDUCTORS TO PHILIPPISE RADICALS. PRINCETON DIRECTED REQUEST TO DOS, BUT SPOKESMEN THERE INDICATED MATTER IN HANDS OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES. PRINCETON POLICE DECLINED COMMENT, AND FBI'S NJ DIVISION CHIEF STATES FBI "HAS NO PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES" IN MARCOS SITUATION (NYT).

THAILAND

19. RTG BANS FURTHER IMPORTS OF DOAK BARNETT'S "CHINA AFTER MAO; WITH SELECTED DOCUMENTS." BOOK ON SALE THERE SINCE 1967 (AP, NYDN).

20. WP'S MEYER REPORTS US NARCOTICS AGENTS' ARREST OF FOUR LOCAL RESIDENTS THURSDAY, ACCUSING THEM OF PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS DISTRIBUTION CHAIN THROUGH MAILING NARCOTICS WORTH MILLIONS, INVOLVING US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, POSTAL INSPECTORS AND BANGKOK POLICE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

21. LAT'S ELEGANT (FEB. 14) IN HONG KONG REPORTS DEEP CONCERN AMONG CHINA SPECIALISTS OVER POSSIBILITY OF POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN CHOU MODERATES AND SHANGHAI RADICALS PRODUCING WIDESPREAD CIVIL DISTURBANCES REMINISCENT OF PITCHED BATTLES OF GPCR. ANALYSTS SEE DEVELOPMENTS IN CURRENT "ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS" THOUGHT-REFORM CAMPAIGN PARALLELING THOSE OF DISRUPTIVE GPCR. IN PAST THREE DAYS, YOUTH, WORKERS AND WOMEN'S

ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN FORMED FOR CAMPAIGN - A REMINDER
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OF CREATION OF RED GUARDS AS INSTRUMENT OF IDEOLOGICAL
PURIFICATION WHICH SET OFF NEARLY UNIVERSAL PURGES.
ALSO, CLASSES AT SOME INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON POLITICAL RALLIES
AND COMPOSING "GREAT CHARACTER POSTERS" DENOUNCING

IN AND OTHER "CLASS ENEMIES"; HUGE MASS "MOBILIZATION
LIN AND OTHER "CLASS ENEMIES"; HUGE MASS "MOBILIZATION
MEETINGS" TAKING PLACE; PERSISTENT RUMORS AMONG "CADRES"
AND THE "MASSES" THAT "SOME PEOPLE WILL BE PLUCKED
OUT"; AND TIDE OF HYSTERIA RISING. NOTING THAT POWER
CONTENDERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO "MOBILIZE THE MASSES,"
ELEGANT COMMENTS THAT ONCE POPULAR MOVEMENTS ON NATION-
WIDE SCALE ARE UNLEASHED IN CHINA, THEY ARE VERY DIFFI-
CULT TO CONTROL; BECAUSE OF INHERENT INSTABILITY
OF A SOCIETY PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED BY RIVALRIES AT
THE TOP, SUCH MOVEMENTS TEND TO SPREAD AND BECOME
VIOLENT ALMOST SPONTANEOUSLY. CHOU HAS, APPARENTLY
UNAVOIDABLY, CHOSEN A DANGEROUS COURSE BY ORGANIZING
HIS COUNTER MASS MOVEMENT. AS LEADING CHINA SPECIALIST
PUT IT: "IN CHINA NOWADAYS, MASS MOVEMENTS ARE DIRECTED
AT THE ESTABLISHMENT - AND PREMIER CHOU IS THE ESTABLISH-
MENT. BESIDES, A TRUE MASS MOVEMENT MEANS THAT
ALMOST EVERY OTHER ACTIVITY STOPS." SPECIALISTS
FEEL THAT CHOU STILL HOLDS UPPER HAND WITH MILITARY
LARGELY NEUTRALIZED, AND THE ADMINISTRATION IS HIS
OWN. ELEGANT SUGGESTS POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE ENHANCED
AS VICTIMS OF GPCR EXCESSES NOW RESTORED TO OFFICE
SEE CHANCE TO SETTLE SCORES; YOUNGER CADRES, WHO
CAME TO POWER DURING GPCR, SEEING THEMSELVES DISPLACED
BY OLD "BLACK GANG" AGAINST WHICH THEY FOUGHT, ARE
ALSO ANGRY.

22. HEARST'S KINGSBURY SMITH (BOSTON H-A, FEB.
11) IN ROME REPORTS EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC INFO FROM
PEKING INDICATES PRC IS ON BRINK OF BIGGEST POLITICAL
UPHEAVAL SINCE GPCR. LATEST CRISIS BELIEVED PRECIPITATED
BY NEW CHALLENGE TO MAO'S AUTHORITY BY SOME PROVINCIAL
MILITARY LEADERS AND PRAGMATIC-MINDED ADMINISTRA-
TORS, ELEMENTS OF WHICH REPORTEDLY OPPOSE MAO THEORY
OF "PERPETUAL REVOLUTION," AND HIS EFFORTS TO MOLD
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CHINESE PEOPLE INTO CLASSLESS, SELF-SACRIFICING
SOCIETY OF HUMAN ROBOTS. TO MEET CHALLENGE, MAO
LAUNCHED MASS MOVEMENT TO PURGE HIERARCHY OF THOSE
WHO OPPOSE HIS POLICIES AND TO COMPEL OBEDIENCE

FROM SEVERAL POWERFUL PROVINCIAL MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN SHOWING INCREASING SIGNS OF INDEPENDENCE. SMITH RECALLS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PEKING, HE WAS INFORMED MAO SUSPECTED USSR, THROUGH AGENTS INFILTRATED INTO CHINA, WAS TRYING TO WOO SOME PROVINCIAL GENERALS AWAY FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S CONTROL. MAO WAS SAID TO FEAR THIS WOULD LEAD TO CHINA'S DISINTEGRATION AFTER HIS DEATH. SMITH RELATES MAO'S LAUNCHING OF CURRENT MASS CAMPAIGN TO POSSIBLE NON-ACCEPTANCE BY SOME GENERALS OF JANUARY'S COMMAND

CHANGES. SEES MAO'S REACTIVATION OF URBAN MILITIA FORCE AS FURTHER WARNING TO MILITARY LEADERS. SMITH ASSERTS THAT BEFORE GPCR, CHOU SUPPORTED POLICIES OF "REVISIONISTS" LIU SHAO-CHI AND TENG HSIAO-PING. DURING GPCR, CHOU WAS ATTACKED BY CHIANG CHING'S RED GUARDS, BUT WHEN MAO FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CALL ON ARMY TO CURB RED GUARDS, HE USED CHOU TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY LEADERS. SAYS IT IS BELIEVED THAT CHOU HAS BEEN COUNTING ON MILITARY TO SUPPORT HIM AS MAO'S SUCCESSOR.

23. WP'S GREENWAY IN HONG KONG REFERS TO CASE OF SCHOOLGIRL HUANG SHUAI, WHO CAME TO NATIONWIDE ATTENTION AS EXAMPLE OF STUDENT DARING TO CRITICIZE AND CHALLENGE TEACHER'S AUTHORITY. NOTES THAT RISE AND FALL OF SCHOOLMASTER'S AUTHORITY IN CHINA, AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF STUDENTS TO GO AGAINST AUTHORITY, IS ONE OF THE BAROMETERS BY WHICH CHINA-WATCHERS MEASURE POLITICAL PRESSURES. MAO'S MAIN CONCERNS DURING PAST 20 YEARS HAS BEEN FEAR THAT CHINA, IF NOT KEPT IN STATE OF CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE WITH ITS FEET HELD TO IDEOLOGICAL FIRE, WOULD TEND TO ABANDON IDEALS OF HIS REVOLUTION AND BEGIN BACKSLIDING. THUS WHENEVER BUREAUCRACY TENDED TO STRESS PRODUCTION, PRAGMATISM AND EXPERTISE AT EXPENSE OF REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL, MAO HAS FELT NEED TO NUDGE CHINA BACK ONTO CORRECT REVOLUTIONARY TRACK. UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT HAS BEEN STUDENTS WHO HAVE STARTED THE NUDGE AS IN HUANG SHUAI CASE, WITH ISSUE BEING PUT IN TERMS WHETHER PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION IS BEING ADVANCED. GREENWAY RECALLS PUBLICIZED CASE LAST SUMMER OF STUDENT CHARGING THAT COLLEGE EXAM SYSTEM STRESSED BOOK LEARNING AND THUS FAVORED SONS OF IMPORTANT OFFICIALS, WHO HAD TIME FOR BOOK LEARNING. CHINA-WATCHERS TEND TO AGREE THAT CLIMATE FOR PURGES IS BEING CREATED AND THAT EVENTUALLY SOME LEADERSHIP FACTION WILL END UP AS TARGET.

24. NYT'S LELYVELD IN HONG KONG REPORTS NEW ARTICLES IN PEOPLE'S DAILY ATTACKING RESPIGHI'S "PINES OF

ROME," PLAYED BY PHILA ORCHESTRA IN PEKING. ORCHESTRA ITSELF NOT NAMED IN ARTICLES, BUT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR VISIT WERE BRANDED AS "CLASS ENEMIES" PLOTTING "TO NEGATE THE GREAT PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND THE REVOLUTION IN ART AND LITERATURE." LELYVELD RECALLS THAT WHEN "PINES OF ROME" WAS PLAYED IN PEKING BY ORCHESTRA, PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED REVIEW BY CHINESE CENTRAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY MEMBER WHO DESCRIBED WORK AS "BRILLIANT IN VARIATIONS OF COLOR AND TONE."

NEW ARTICLE DENOUNCED "EMPTY TALK ABOUT CHANGES IN CONTRASTS AND EMOTIONS" AS ATTEMPTS TO "GLOSS OVER THE CLASS CONTENT OF MUSICAL WORKS SO AS TO PULL THE WOOL OVER THE EYES OF THE MASSES AND DECEIVE THEM." LELYVELD REPORTS CHINA ANALYSTS WAITING TO SEE WHETHER ANY OFFICIALS, OR TOP LEADERSHIP MEMBERS, WOULD BECOME TARGETS OF CRITICISM IN COURSE OF NEW CAMPAIGN. SEE INDICATIONS THAT CAMPAIGN IS BEING MOUNTED BY CHIANG CHING AGAINST CHOU; ALTHOUGH SHE WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH PHILA ORCH. APPEARANCE, HK POLITICAL ANALYSTS POINT OUT THAT THE ARTICLES LAVISH PRAISE ON THE "MODEL REVOLUTIONARY THEATRICAL WORKS" FOR WHICH SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE.

25. WILLIAM HEATON IN JAN ISSUE OF ASIAN SURVEY SAYS MPR'S FREEDOM OF CHOICE IS SOMEWHAT CIRCUMSCRIBED SINCE IT IS SANDWICHED BETWEEN PRC AND USSR, WHICH HAS 200,000 TROOPS BILLETED AMONG ITS 1,339,000 CITIZENS. UNCLASSIFIED

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80 PERCENT OF MPR EXPORTS (MEAT, GRAIN, VEGETABLES) GO TO RUSSIA. MPR HAS UNFAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE BECAUSE ALL MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT AND 60 PERCENT OF CONSUMER GOODS MUST BE IMPORTED, WITH SOVIETS AND EE MAKING UP DEFICIT. LAST FALL, MPR PRESS "LAUNCHED SENSATIONAL ATTACKS AGAINST CHINA FOR CONDUCTING MILITARY EXERCISE ALONG THE BORDER AND FOR SPONSORING SUBVERSION AND INTERFERENCE IN MONGOLIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS." NEVERTHELESS, MPR CONTINUES TO TRADE WITH BOTH CHINA AND NVN. HEATON PREDICTS US WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MPR THIS YEAR.

26. GLOBE'S CROCKER SNOW (FEB. 14) IN TOKYO LIKENS ERUPTION OF DISPUTES INVOLVING OCEAN AREAS AND OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS AROUND PACIFIC TO OUTBREAK OF MEASLES. PARACELS, SPRATLYS, SENKAKU, AND EAST CHINA SEA INVOLVED. ERUPTION OF THESE LONG DORMANT TERRITORIAL ISSUES SEEN BY DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN TOKYO AS RELATED TO ENERGY CRISIS AND DESIRE OF ASIAN COUNTRIES TO CLAIM ALL AREAS POSSIBLE WITH POTENTIAL OIL RESERVES. EA GOVTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE AFFIRMING THEIR POSITIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF LOS CONFERENCE. US AND JAPANESE

DIPLOMATS ARE WATCHING CLOSELY FOR FRESH PRC ATTENTION TO SENKAKU, WHICH IS REGARDED AS POTENTIALLY ONE OF THE MOST VOLATILE TERRITORIAL MATTERS IN PACIFIC. TANAKA AND CHOU AGREED IN OCT. 1972 TO POSTPONE THE ISSUE FOR A TIME, SO IT WOULD NOT STAND IN WAY OF NORMALIZATION OF PRC-JAPAN RELATIONS. NO WESTERN OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO BEGIN PROSPECTING, BUT JAPANESE HAVE CONDUCTED PERIODIC NAVAL PATROLS

IN AREA TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONTINUING CLAIM.

27. WP'S MARDER EXPRESSES VIEW THAT UNUSUAL INTERPLAY OF COMPETING DIPLOMATIC STRATEGIES GAVE HAK AN EASIER VICTORY AT ENERGY CONFERENCE THAN EXPECTED. SAYS JOBERT'S UNCOMPROMISING STAND FORCED W EUROPEANS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN FRENCH LEAD AND AN AMERICAN LEAD WITH US PREPARED TO MAKE SOME COMPROMISES BUT NOT FRANCE. JOBERT'S REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE ON ANYTHING ALSO DESTROYED STRATEGY OF OTHER NATIONS TO WATER UNCLASSIFIED

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DOWN US ENERGY PLAN. JAPAN, FOR ONE, FOUND ITS INTENDED STRATEGY WHIPSAWED. GOJ WAS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO AVOID AN AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT CURTAIL ITS ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN BILATERAL OIL DEALS, AND EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY ACTION THAT WOULD ANTAGONIZE THE US - OR ARAB OIL PRODUCERS. PLANNED STRATEGY OF JAPAN, AND SEVERAL OTHER NATIONS, WAS TO PLAY THE "HELPFUL COMPROMISER." OHIRA OFFERED INITIATIVE TO DO JUST THAT, WITH OIL PRODUCER REPS BEING BROUGHT INTO A "LIAISON GROUP" TO PLAN A SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCE. BUT TO JAPAN'S DISMAY, JOBERT LEFT NO OPPORTUNITY TO BRIDGE ANYTHING.

28. WP HAS LENGTHY EXPLORATION BY STERN AND MCKAYE OF PHENOMENON OF "REV. MOON: NIXON BACKER". AUTHORS DESCRIBE MOON'S FEB. 1 VISIT WITH PRESIDENT AFTER WHICH WH ANNOUNCED HE HAD THANKED REV. MOON FOR HIS "SUPPORT". MOON'S VERY AFFLUENT OFFBEAT SECT IS DESCRIBED AS FASTEST GROWING IN THE US, WITH THRIVING OFFSHOOTS IN EUROPE, JAPAN AND ELSEWHERE. AMONG OTHER IMPORTANT ESTATES OWNED IN US, RECENT PURCHASE OF MAIDENFORM PROPERTY IS POINTED UP. REPORTERS ALLUDE TO MOON'S MULTIFARIOUS CONNECTIONS THROUGH HIS CHURCH AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS TO POLITICAL FIGURES IN US AND ABROAD, INCLUDING KISHI IN JAPAN. WHILE PARK HAS BEEN JAILING CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN OF LATE, ROKG GIVES MOON AND HIS PRINCIPAL SUPPORTERS "UNRESTRICTED TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES". WITHIN CHURCH, MOON'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AMERICAN PROTEGE IS NEIL ALBERT SALONEN, WHO HEADS BOTH CHURCH AND ITS POLITICAL-EDUCATIONAL FRONT,

"FREEDOM LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION." WRITERS SAY KOREAN
EMIGRES HERE CONTEND THAT MOON'S CLOSEST AND MOST
INFLUENTIAL ASSOCIATE IN US, KOREAN ARMY VET. COL.
PAK BO-HAI, HAS MAINTAINED HIS CONNECTIONS IN ROK
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CIRCLES. BY 1971, ACCORDING TO
AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE, JUSTICE DEPT. WAS VERY CLOSE

TO MAKING SERIOUS MOVE AGAINST FLF FOR BROADCASTS
ON RADIO FREE ASIA, BUT FOUNDATION TURNED TO TOMMIE
CORCORAN LAW FIRM FOR HELP AND DAY WAS WON FOR FOUNDATION.
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